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Alan Doyle of the popular East Coast group Great Big Sea performs to a near sold-out crowd on Thursday night at the RBC Theatre at Budweiser Gardens. The band's high-energy performance had fans on their feet from the very first song. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

All's Fair as makeover gets underway

Western Fair District. Changes will mean more parking, better fit with strategic plan, officials say

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The Western Fair District is hauling out the wrecking ball.

Demolition will start in the next four months, a move that will forever change the venue's landscape and push it closer to goals outlined in a 2011 strategic plan, district CEO Hugh Mitchell said.

Buildings slated to come down are the former administration building at King and Ontario streets, the former IMAX theatre, the special-events building and the link that connects it to the Canada building. They will be replaced by parking lots, something Mitchell said is in high demand.

"Those four facilities are tired, aging and would require significant reinvestment for them to remain," he said.

The IMAX, most recently home to London City Music Theatre, is the newest of the buildings, constructed in 1996. The administration building is the oldest, built in 1928. The special-events building opened in 1929, with the link added in 1984.

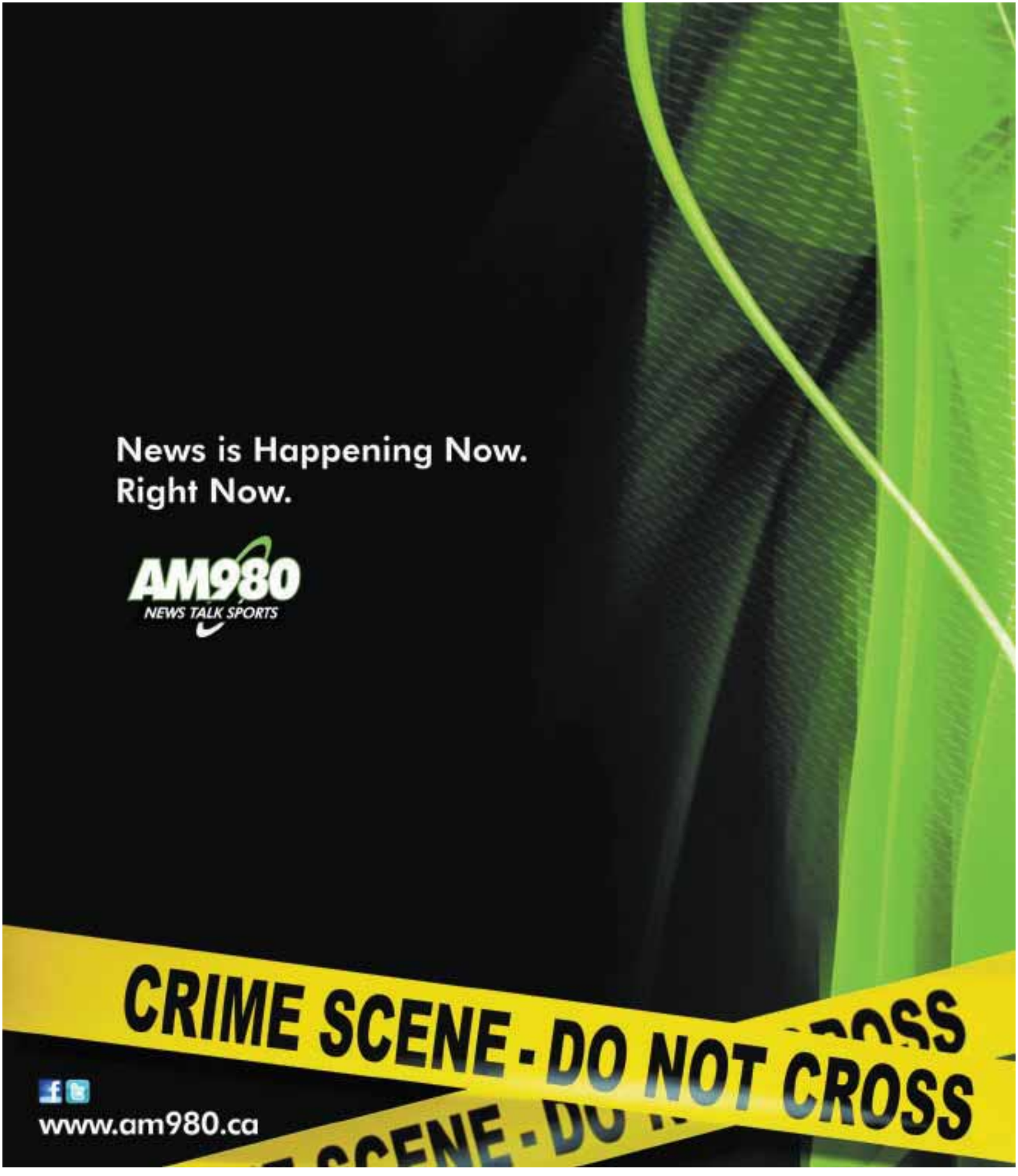
The changes are the first to the property since the Agriplex was built in 2004, Mitchell said. That facility will be renovated "down the road" to make it more suitable for consumer and trade shows, Mitchell said.

Since the district recently secured a long-term lease with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and a government agreement providing transitional funding for horse racing, it's a "financially prudent" time to make changes, Mitchell said.

Demolition will be completed by summer, leaving plenty of time before the annual September fair, Mitchell said.

About the plan

- The 2011 strategic plan gave the Western Fair District its current name, an effort to brand the east London grounds as an entertainment venue. Before that, the name was simply Western Fairgrounds.
- The plan will also see the district get a "green" makeover, which means creating "more boulevard space, more walkways, more lighting and more trees," district CEO Hugh Mitchell said.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Waiting for answers

Not time for finger-pointing over cancer drugs: Wynne

Premier Kathleen Wynne is vowing to immediately rectify the problem of watered-down chemotherapy drugs, but she won't tell hospitals to go back to mixing their own medications.

There is a gap in oversight of companies like Marchese Hospital Solutions, which mixed the chemo drugs for London Health Sciences Centre, three other Ontario hospitals and one in New Brunswick, she acknowledged Thursday. The province and Health Canada are working to close that gap.

"But I really believe that it's not the time for finger pointing," Wynne said.

Many hospitals mix their own chemo medications. But Marchese was under contract by the hospitals to prepare the drugs, which were provided to more than 1,100 cancer patients, some for as long as a year. Of the patients affected, 665 were receiving care in London.

The bags containing the chemotherapy drugs were filled with too much saline, watering down the medication by as much as 20 per cent.

Wynne said she wants to wait for answers from experts, including the Ontario College of Pharmacists, before deciding what course of action her government should take.

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Kathleen Wynne METRO

Global. Fanshawe to roll out massive, free online course

Fanshawe College is launching a free online course open to students around the globe.

The six-week course starts May 13, focusing on how science and technology can be used to solve problems centred around sustainability.

Fanshawe is offering the course in partnership with educational software provider Desire2Learn. It will include virtual field trips exploring sustainable buildings, neighbourhoods, gardens and city infrastructure.

Hands-on tasks will also be part of the learning experience.

Participants will receive a letter of completion from the college.

To learn more about what's billed as Fanshawe College's first "massive open online course," visit fanshawec.ca/mooc or email MOOC@fanshawec.ca. METRO

North end. Robbery prompts lockdowns: Police

Police are looking for a man wanted in a Thursday armed robbery at a north London business.

The man, believed to be about 20 years old, was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt, dark pants and white running shoes. He was carrying a plaid duffle bag.

The suspect entered a business at Huron Street and Adelaide Street North about 9:10 a.m., stole items and left a short time later, police said. He was carrying a gun, according to reports made to police.

Sir George Ross Secondary School and Northbrae Public School were put on lockdown while police searched the area.

No injuries were reported.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the London Police Service at (519) 661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

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Entrepreneurs find 'sweet spot' to earn startup cash: Judge

Mobile app. London trio has ties that bind in more than just keen business sense

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It would be an understatement to say the Saadat family was well represented at Thursday at Western University.

Brothers Murtaza Saadat, 25, and Behroz Saadat, 21, along with their cousin, Hamed Saadat, 22, nabbed top honours in the school's Seed Your Startup business-pitch competition.

The Londoners pocketed $5,000 after convincing a panel of businesspeople that their idea for a startup — an iPad app that lets users create a game, play it and share it with friends — was the best.

"Growing up, one of our hobbies was making things," Murtaza said. "So, it was like, 'Why not make it easy for everyone to do it?'"

Fifty business proposals were submitted. The Saadats were one of five teams chosen to vie for the top prize and, of course, campus bragging rights.

Niels Billou, a competition judge and an assistant professor at Western's business school, said there's a clear reason the GamePress crew came out on top.

"I think that they have a really innovative product that's really not on the market," Billou said. "They found the gap. They kind of found that sweet spot between something that's easy to use and something that has a level of sophistication to it."

The premise behind GamePress — giving users the power to create a game from scratch and then play with it afterward — is on the rise in the tech industry, Billou said.

"The trend towards user-designed products is just taking off like mad, particularly user-designed games," he said. "There's a massive market in the children's area."

University of Waterloo student Behroz Saadat, 21, left and Western University students Hamed Saadat, 22, and Murtaza Saadat, 25, are pictured Thursday after the Seed Your Startup pitch competition at Western. The trio won, earning money to launch their mobile app dubbed GamePress. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

The product

To learn more about GamePress, the top idea from Seed Your Startup, visit GamePressApp.com.

- The app will likely land in the iTunes app store by early May, according to its creators.
- The tentative price is set at $4.99.

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Community Foundation pumps money into affordable housing

$500K. New fund designed to entice investment from developers

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The London Community Foundation is trying to jumpstart the ranks of available affordable housing built in the city.

Foundation leaders have created a new fund, seeding it with $500,000. Now, they're looking for others to chip cash into the pool with hopes of downsizing the number of names on an affordable-housing waiting list.

So far, $150,000 has been donated on top of the seed money.

Cash from the fund will be doled out as loans to companies planning building projects. The loans could give developers the backing they need to get help from banks, said Andrew Chunilall, the foundation's vice-president of finance.

Homes resulting from the effort could start cropping up in the next year or two, he said.

"Banks are more friendly when you have the shovel in the ground, so to speak," he said. "We're going to move as quickly as developers are ready to move."

There are 3,000 people on a waiting list for homes, the foundation says, but the city's affordable-housing strategy calls for only 600 new units over the next five years.

Tima Bansal, a professor at Western University's Richard Ivey School of Business, is one of the first donors to the foundation's fund.

She likes the idea of being able to see the impact of charitable donations.

"Imagine walking by a housing development and being able to say, 'I helped that project,'" she said. "When you see changes in your community, that's what gives money meaning."

WITH FILES FROM JOHN MATISZ/METRO

More on the foundation

The foundation started in 1979 and is one of Canada's largest community foundations with more than $50 million in assets.

- For more information about the London Community Foundation's fund to promote new affordable housing, email info@lcf.on.ca or call 519-667-1600.

Arts students get a clue on the blues

Blues artist Fruteland Jackson of Mississippi performs Thursday at the Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts as part of the Great Lakes Blues Society's Blues in the Schools program. The program brings blues musicians into schools to give kids a taste of the genre and a few history lessons. Jackson performed for about 1,400 local students this week.

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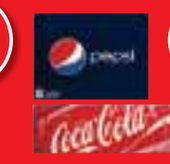

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Consumer concern.
Government puts target on door-to-door sales

The Ontario government says it's taking steps to provide consumers with more protection against aggressive, high-pressure, door-to-door salespeople.

The Liberals say they plan to introduce legislation to impose new rules for dealing fairly with door-to-door sales, particularly water heater rentals.

The Liberals are proposing doubling the existing 10-day cooling-off period to 20 days, so that consumers have more time to consider a decision made on their doorstep.

The bill would ban delivery and installation of water heaters during the cooling-off period, and require the supplier to pay all cancellation fees if the cooling-off period isn't observed.

The government also wants companies to confirm sales by making scripted and recorded telephone calls to the customer to disclose key contract terms in clear, easy-to-understand language.

The government says the reforms focus on water heater contracts because it received more than 3,200 written complaints and verbal inquiries about door-to-door water heater rentals last year.

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In numbers

3,200+

The number of written complaints and verbal inquiries the government got about door-to-door water heater rentals last year.

Haute couture. Fanshawe fashions hit the runway

Fanshawe College's graduating fashion design students will see their haute couture creations strutted down a runway Friday at Museum London.

The school's annual Unbound fashion show is marking 40 years. Models will present a "five-look collection" created by 28 students. The pieces range from casual to outerwear. Prizes include exclusive magazine features and paid professional portfolios.

DAVE DE VRIES/FOR METRO

If you go

- The Unbound fashion show takes place Friday at Museum London (421 Ridout Street). Doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m.
- Tickets are $40 and available through The Grand Theatre box office. Visit grandtheatre.com.

Londoners Pete Denomme, 56, left, and Ian Gifford, 43, jam Thursday in the attic of the London Music Club. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Band inspired by diesel plant closure

They Keep Rollin'.
Song dedicated to former Electro-Motive workers will help raise money for food bank

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On a frigid day last winter, Pete Denomme watched from afar as soon-to-be unemployed Electro-Motive Diesel workers warmed their hands over a makeshift fire pit outside the plant's entrance.

In a word, he felt helpless.

When Electro-Motive's parent company pulled up stakes a short time later, moving the London jobs to Indiana, Denomme's heart sank again.

Now, with the Thursday release of his band's first single, Denomme finally feels like he's lending a hand.

"The images that I had seen that day came to mind," Denomme said, recalling the source of his inspiration, "and I just sort of strummed and started singing. All of the feelings, the ideas, were right in front of me."

His band, Pete Denomme & The Cosmic Cowboys, is a seven-piece folk rock group that rehearses in the London Music Club's attic.

The band will donate all proceeds from the single — They Keep Rollin' — to the London Food Bank, where many Electro-Motive workers turned when they lost their jobs. The single is available for download at bandcamp.com.

"When a factory closes like that and shuts out 775 people, the biggest impact is going to be on the food bank," Cosmic Cowboys drummer Ian Gifford said.

The song's lyrics highlight the struggles faced by blue-collar workers, with references to those at Electro-Motive.

"When there's an honesty and a real feeling for what you're singing about, it always comes out in the song," Denomme said.

On the web

To view the official They Keep Rollin' video and a rehearsal clip, visit metronews.ca.

An Open Letter to Canadians

RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be.

The recent debate about an outsourcing arrangement for some technology services has raised important questions.

While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require - it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart.

Despite our best efforts, we don't always meet everyone's expectations, and when we get it wrong you are quick to tell us. You have my assurance that I'm listening and we are making the following commitments.

First, I want to apologize to the employees affected by this outsourcing arrangement as we should have been more sensitive and helpful to them. All will be offered comparable job opportunities within the bank.

Second, we are reviewing our supplier arrangements and policies with a continued focus on Canadian jobs and prosperity, balancing our desire to be both a successful business and a leading corporate citizen.

Third, our Canadian client call centres are located in Canada and support our domestic and our U.S. business, and they will remain in Canada.

Fourth, we are preparing a new initiative aimed at helping young people gain an important first work experience in our company, which we will announce in the weeks ahead.

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I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

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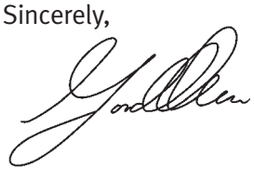

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Tales of bullying, suicide span from coast to coast

Amanda Todd and Rehtaeh Parsons lived on opposite sides of the country. They had never met, but sadly, had so much in common.

Both teens were bullied. Both were assaulted — Todd physically, Parsons sexually — and exploited through social media.

They both hanged themselves: Parsons last month in Nova Scotia, Todd last year in British Columbia.

Their stories have attracted international attention and touched those who've heard them.

They've also left many scratching their heads wondering how something like that could happen, not just once but twice.

But, if you talk to experts familiar with their struggles, they're clear: It's not a matter of "if" this will happen again, but "when."

Corina Morrison and Megan Walker know all too well how easily something similar could play out here.

"We are losing too many kids," said Morrison, co-founder of the London Anti-Bullying Coalition. "We are missing something as a society, whether it is empathy, respect, fear of consequences, I am not sure, but we are really missing something."

Rehtaeh Parsons FACEBOOK

Quoted

"We know one in three women will experience sexual assault and rape, and fewer than 10 per cent will report it to police."

Megan Walker, of the London Anti-Bullying Coalition

Morrison and Walker, executive director of the London Abused Women's Centre, said men must step up to the plate and end the circle of violence toward women — young and old.

"We know one in three women will experience sexual assault and rape, and fewer than 10 per cent will report it to police," Walker said. "We need to start teaching boys at a very young age that being masculine means you are able to convey empathy, compassion and sensitivity."

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Facing the problem

- UNICEF reported this week that Canada ranked 21 out of 29 countries (with one being the best) in protecting teens from bullying.
- Overall, the country dropped seven places in a ranking for the overall well-being of children.

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London artist Donna Andreychuk is pictured Thursday in her studio above The Arts Project on 203 Dundas St. Andreychuk's work space will be one of many on display during this weekend's London Artist Studio Tour.

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An artsy unveiling

Up close. Studio tour to give everyday Londoners behind-the-scenes look at arts community

Gazing through the window of her second-floor studio, artist Donna Andreychuk feels a certain connection to the city below.

"I am so lucky to be in this space," said Andreychuk, whose studio is above The Arts Project on Dundas Street.

This weekend, every Londoner will have the chance to see exactly what Andreychuk is talking about.

Artists across the city are throwing open the doors to their creative hubs for the 20th annual London Artists Studio Tour.

Twenty-seven studios will be on display along with the work that's been created in them. The tour starts Friday and continues through Sunday.

While she's been working above The Arts Project for a little more than three years and has participated in the collective's annual artists-in-residence exhibition, Andreychuk's never participated in the studio tour.

She likes the idea, seeing it as a way to spread her wings in the art community and potentially connect with new customers.

"It is a nice way to connect with the other artists, some of whom I have never met before, even though I have lived here years and years," Andreychuk said.

New to this year's tour is a pilot project that will see work from three artists without studios on display.

"The idea behind it is we really want to give as many artists as possible the opportunity to be part of the tour," said organizer Kevin Bice.

The studios will be open from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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On the web

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Unsung London Knights forward Paxton Leroux takes the ice during a Thursday optional practice at the Western Fair Sports Centre. Paxton's been an integral part of the team's playoff success. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Knights' enforcer takes a different tack

Paxton Leroux. Instead of dropping the gloves constantly the 20-year-old has embraced the chance to prove he can do more than just fight

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There was a time when Paxton Leroux's job description with the London Knights could be summed up in a single phrase: Fight when the time is right.

That was in November, though, and with every game becoming more important, his impact is reverberating in other, less violent ways.

Boasting a goal and three assists in eight games heading into Friday's Game 5 (London leads the series 3-1) at Budweiser Gardens, the 20-year-old from Peterborough, Ont., sits 10th in Knights playoff scoring.

To put his output in perspective, Josh Anderson and Matt Rupert — a pair of forwards with far more experience and offensive flare — have a combined four points in 15 games.

"It's been quite a ride, a lot of ups and downs," said Leroux, who played for the London Jr. B Nationals before jumping to the OHL. "I'm just glad the Hunters had the faith and confidence to take a chance on me."

Although he'd like a second chance on a play from Wednesday's 4-3 overtime win — Kitchener Rangers forward Justin Bailey beat him in a 1-on-1 battle below the goal line, then scored moments after — Leroux is carrying his load. "I'm still sort of kicking myself that (the coaching staff has) given me this chance, and I screwed up on that one goal," Leroux said, flashing his toothless grin. "On the bus back home, we saw the play on (TSN's) SportsCentre, and I got it pretty bad."

Ribbing aside, the Knights are thrilled to have the Saginaw Spirit's 2009 fourth rounder on their roster. Leroux's teammates were ecstatic March 13, when the toughest guy on the team netted his first major junior goal.

"I'm really proud of his progress," London veteran Tyler Ferry said recently.

Knights head coach Dale Hunter has given Leroux a golden opportunity to come out of his shell in the post-season. He's embraced every second.

Leroux's tussle frequency is even starting to tail off.

In seven 2012 regular season games, the six-foot-three, 190-pounder was assessed a total of five major penalties for fighting. In 22 games since — 15 regular season and seven post-season — Leroux has dropped the mitts only six times.

The lineup

Game 5 lineup changes for the London Knights:

- **In.** Tommy Hughes, back Friday from serving one-game slew-footing suspension.
- **Out.** Matt Rupert, suffered lower body injury in Game 4; team is unsure of timeline but knows he won't be ready for Friday.
- **To be determined.** Brett Welychka, recovering from head injury; could be cleared to return Friday morning.

NBL. London Lightning under fire to post a win

The National Basketball League of Canada season has come down to, at maximum, two games.

If the London Lightning manage to pull off a win over the Summerside Storm on Friday, they're league champs for the second time in as many years.

If the Storm come out on top, the series will be tied, setting up a final match in London, on a date to be decided.

So far in the best-of-five 2013 NBL finals, the home team has won each game.

London won Game 1, 105-100, and Game 2, 99-96, both at Budweiser Gardens.

Summerside's lone home game was a 111-99 win at Credit Union Place.

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London point guard Adrian Moss makes a pass Wednesday as the Lightning take on the Summerside Storm. COLIN MCLEAN/JOURNAL PIONEER

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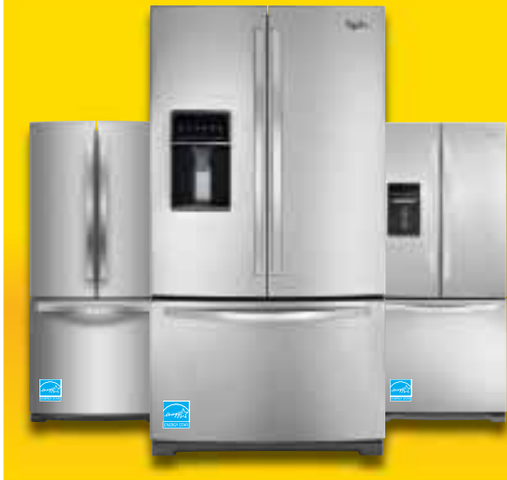

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Star-studded mourners

Thatcher's funeral grandest in decade

Invitations to Margaret Thatcher's funeral are going out to more than 2,000 celebrities, dignitaries, colleagues and friends of the late British leader — from former U.S. presidents to Dynasty star Joan Collins and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Thatcher, who died Monday at the age of 87, will be given a funeral with military honours at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday.

Though not officially a state funeral, it is the grandest such service seen in Britain since the death in 2002 of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

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Guatemala

Four dead, 96 ill due to food poisoning

Authorities in Guatemala say four people have died and 96 others have been hospitalized for food poisoning in a town west of the nation's capital.

The fire department said the victims include children who ate produce that wasn't properly cleaned. A doctor at one of the hospitals said that the deaths were caused by E. coli.

Two of Julio Gervacio Rac's children died, and his wife and three other children are still in hospital. He said the family dined Wednesday on broccoli and eggs purchased from a local market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas college stabbing

Documents depict accused as a would-be Hannibal Lecter

A man accused of a mass stabbing at a Texas college told investigators that he had fantasized about cannibalism and necrophilia and about cutting off people's faces and wearing them as masks, according to a court document released Thursday.

Dylan Quick is being held on three counts of aggravated assault for Tuesday's attack at Lone Star Community College that injured 14.

A search-warrant affidavit stated a "Hannibal Lecter Mask" and an animal dissection kit were seized from his home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

Jerusalem. Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the conflict and the legitimate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

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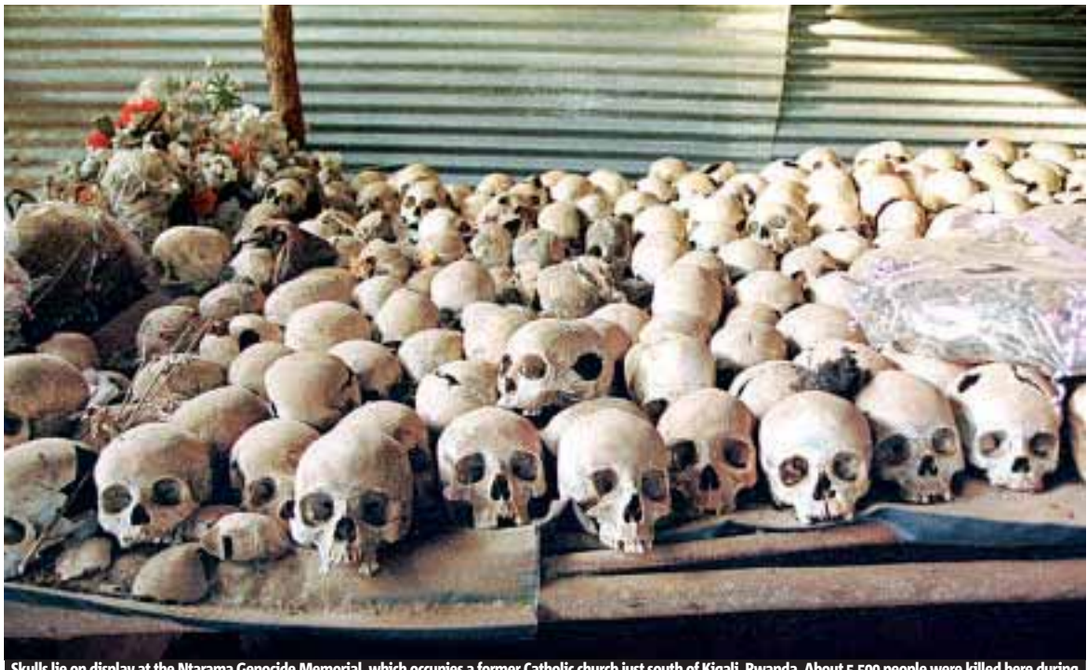
About what, not where

"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing $36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL



Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multilingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech, when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with The Sentinel Project.

"When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it's spiking over time — that tensions are rising," he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s "inyenzi," meaning "cockroach," was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful language can also indicate other violence that doesn't necessarily amount to genocide.

What's in a word?

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself."

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

"God knows, there's a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention," Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn't easy.

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself," Quinn said. "There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent."

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of "cockroach" in Rwanda in the '90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

"The spread of our users is global," he said. "We're starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn't have before."

Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn't without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations concerned about genocide.

"I've had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I've got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn't think was hate speech," Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki, such as "patriarchy," "cis male" and "white privilege," are found in academic language commonly used in womens' studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are relevant and doesn't bother with anything that doesn't relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. "Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funnily enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most," he said.

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Expats. Canucks in S. Korea unfazed by Pyongyang's threat of nuclear war

North Korea's latest threat of a missile attack against its southern neighbour is not rattling Canadians living and working in South Korea, who say Pyongyang's war talk is nothing new.

Andrei Cherwinski, 29, an English teacher on his third contract in South Korea, said nobody is taking the threat seriously.

"Everybody's still going to work, everybody's still going out on the town, nobody is concerned," said Cherwinski, who is from Ottawa but now calls Seoul home.

Tensions in the Korean Peninsula continued to rise on Thursday as North Korea hinted at a missile launch, claiming it had "powerful striking means" on standby. This week, it warned foreign governments to evacuate their citizens from South Korea.

But observers suspect North Korea's actions are meant to stir fear abroad and bolster the image of the country's young leader Kim Jong Un. And the risk of an attack similar to the one that started the Korean War in 1950 is considered slim.

A North Korean soldier keeps watch on a boat on Wednesday near the North Korean town of Sinuiju. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea's suggestion that the two countries are on the verge of a nuclear war doesn't appear to faze locals in Seoul, and that attitude is rubbing off on expats, said Andrew Sachs, 28. "I kind of follow the people around me, how everybody acts. I don't see people getting upset," said Sachs, who is from Haliburton, Ont.

He said an American co-worker who mentioned stocking up on emergency supplies was laughed at by his Korean father-in-law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report

Spending on drugs grows at slowest rate in 16 years

A new report suggests spending on prescription drugs in Canada continues to grow, but at the slowest rate in 16 years. The slowed growth is said to be because patents expired for several drugs, which meant people could buy cheaper generic versions. The report says Canadians spent $33 billion on drugs in 2012, or an average of $947 per person. Drugs made up 16 per cent of health spending in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

68-31. 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Volunteers place more than 3,300 crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday to remember those affected by gun violence. Clergy from Newtown, Conn., and others will begin a 24- hour vigil to urge Congress to pass tougher gun laws. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat.

Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. immigration bill moving, thanks to farmers

Agriculture growers have signed off on the major elements of a new program to bring farm workers to the U.S., a key senator said Thursday, moving a major immigration bill a step closer to passage.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said the growers have agreed on wages and numbers of visas in the new program, which would allow tens of thousands of farm workers into the country. Those were the big sticking points between the industry and the United Farm Workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"We have a deal on wage and cap. There are still things that they're going over with respect to worker protections which are in the bill."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, on nearing the final goal of the program, to secure the border, create a path to citizenship for 11 million people now living illegally in the U.S. and require employers to electronically verify the legal status of their workers.

Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

Halifax. N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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Remembering Rehtaeh

"She was a remarkable young woman."

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

Beyond bullying

PM responds

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Internet criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the message before deleting it.

Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Supreme Court won't hear Alberta oilsands appeal

Mine expansion. First Nations group suggests it may mount another bid to block ruling

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's bid to block a ruling on Shell's Jackpine oilsands mine expansion in northern Alberta.

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided if the Shell project could go ahead.

The board said governments should determine how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

The First Nation also says the decision means the board will make a Jackpine decision without anyone considering whether the band's right to adequate consultation has been fulfilled.

It hinted it may mount another bid to block the ruling.

"We do not know the reasons why the Supreme Court did not grant (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation) a hearing. It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta," Adam said.

"We will have to decide if we move ahead with different legal strategies to uphold our rights."

Band lawyer Eamon Murphy said from Vancouver that the First Nation still has legal options.

Once the review panel issues its recommendation, permits for specific aspects of the project must still be issued by federal and provincial authorities. Murphy said the band is considering legal challenges at those levels.

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Aboriginal consultation

Under legislation passed during the Jackpine hearings, the province's new regulatory board is specifically prohibited from hearing concerns about consultation.

- The province is trying to set up an office to handle such a task, but bands from all three of Alberta's treaty groups say the draft policy ignores their concerns and defines the issue on the government's terms.

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"It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta."

Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam

Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the $4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised the arctic warships during the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refuelling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut.

The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by naval officers prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., in 2007.

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Twitter's Most Wanted

Police using social media to catch 'The Vaulter'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaulter."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton and Peel and York Regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a $20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Tough' cases to be heard

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

The first case involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions.

The prisoners argued they should have been treated under the old law, which allowed early parole after serving one-sixth of a sentence.

They won in lower courts, but the Supreme Court agreed to hear the attorney general's appeal.

The second case deals with credit for pre-trial detention.

A lower court judge credited the offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing, which the federal government appealed.

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Japanese auto producers issue recall over airbags

Honda, Toyota and Nissan are recalling more than three million vehicles globally, including some 200,000 in Canada, for an identical problem with airbags on the passenger side whose inflator may burst, sending plastic pieces flying.

Toyota said it had received five reports of airbag problems, three in the U.S. and two in Japan, but there have been no injuries.

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StatsCan report

New house prices rise 0.2%

Statistics Canada says its new housing price index rose 0.2 per cent in February, following a 0.1 per cent increase in January.

The agency says Calgary was the top contributor to the advance, up one per cent from January — the biggest month-to-month increase in that region since May 2007.

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Market Minute

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Gord Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaks to reporters in Calgary in this Feb. 28 photo. The bank is making a public apology to workers affected by a controversial outsourcing arrangement. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess

Mea culpa. Bank will publish open letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected workers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

Foreign worker program

- The rapid growth of the temporary foreign worker program has raised concerns that Canadian companies are filling job vacancies with cheaper workers from overseas rather than actively finding Canadians to fill the jobs.

He also committed to a review of the bank's supplier agreements and to keep its call centres that support the bank's domestic and U.S. business in Canada.

In earlier statements and an interview that Nixon gave to CBC, the bank had said it expected and believed that its outsourcing supplier had complied with all relevant Canadian rules.

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Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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E-commerce. MasterCard launches digital wallet

For those who hate the tedious process of filling out billing and shipping information every time they make an online purchase, MasterCard is rolling out a digital wallet product called MasterPass, which works on computers, tablets and smartphones.

When completing a purchase and clicking on MasterPass, users just need to provide a password. If they've saved multiple credit cards and shipping addresses they can choose which to use.

MasterPass is a new digital service that stores credit card information.
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1 Good Turn Week. Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on scouts.ca/goodturn, which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

2 Const. Brendan Power. This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

3 #nowthatchersdead. This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as 'now that Cher's dead' and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

4 Rihanna's hockey jersey. The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.

5 Davis Cup Canada. Ace! Canada advanced to the final 4 of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, cementing things with a win by Milos Raonic. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tourney at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

6 McDonald's. With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

7 Celebrity close-up. The tumblr account celebritycloseup.tumblr.com takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

8 @1890probs. If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids," "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies," "I wish I could see my boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

9 Oprah hits Canada again. Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her west coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week, and then Steeltown Saturday night, where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumboulopoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. Oprah and Strombo, what's not to love?

10 Led Zeppelin. If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

11 Louisville tattoo. With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

12 Dragons' Den. In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.

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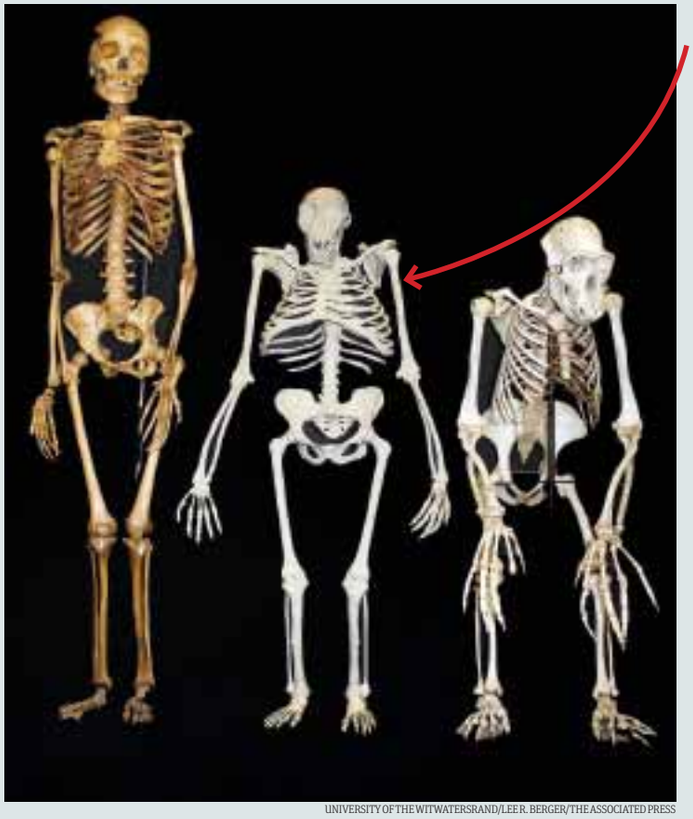

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Darwin's back

Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of Australopithecus sediba, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly-studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for A. sediba's narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

Quoted

"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for high concept, non-sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

@boring_as_heck:
A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay $13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, ill pay $14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

@cool_pond:
A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

@_MichaelJOrdan:
No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly addled version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jumping but they still took it. im just always thinking about jumping."

Letters

RE: Earth to PMO: We're Doomed, published April 4

I wanted to tell you that I really enjoy reading your paper in Calgary.

In the April 4 edition of Metro news Calgary the article, Earth to PMO: We're doomed by John Mazerolle, was so funny I laughed myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.

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Synopsis

42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●○○

Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in 42. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Field of equal dreams

42. The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

Richard: Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

Mark: Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

RC: I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

MB: All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

RC: I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

MB: He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!

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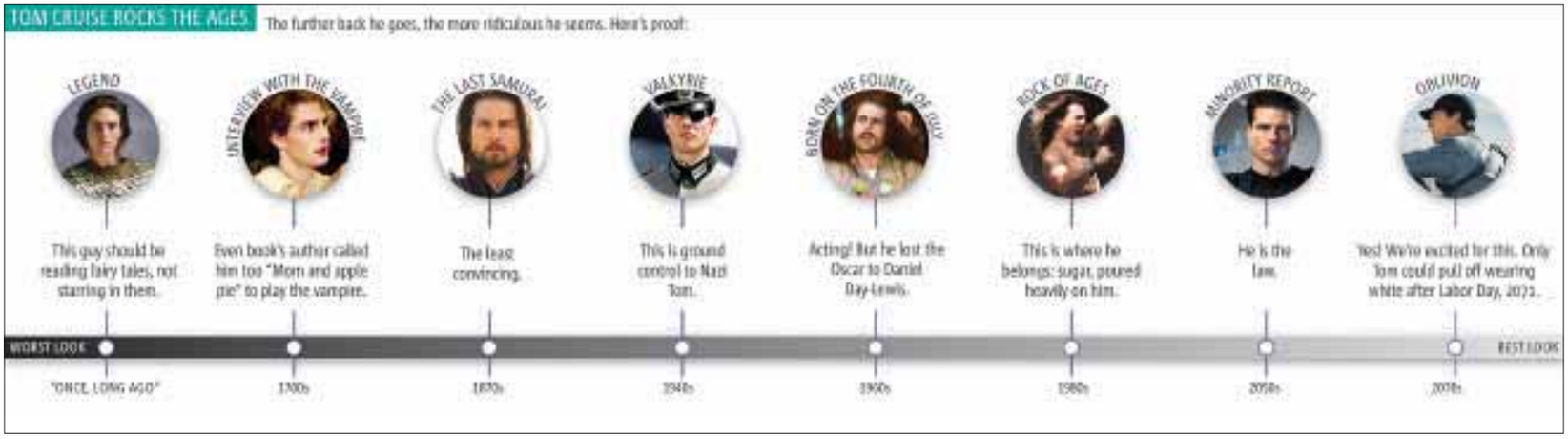
TOM CRUISE ROCKS THE AGES
The further back he goes, the more ridiculous he seems. Here's proof:
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This guy should be reading fairy tales, not starring in them.
INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE
Even book's author called him too "Mom and apple pie" to play the vampire.
THE LAST SAMURAI
The least convincing.
VALKYRIE
This is ground control to Nazi Tom.
BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY
Acting! But he lost the Oscar to Daniel Day-Lewis.
ROCK OF AGES
This is where he belongs: sugar, poured heavily on him.
MINORITY REPORT
He is the law.
OBLIVION
Yes! We're excited for this. Only Tom could pull off wearing white after Labor Day, 2012.
WORST LOOK
BEST LOOK
"ONCE LONG AGO"
1300s
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Will Cruise's star fade into Oblivion?

Sparkle and shine. The last few years have shown even Tommy is fallible at the box office — so how will audiences receive his latest adventure?

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Tom Cruise's film Oblivion opens in theatres next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

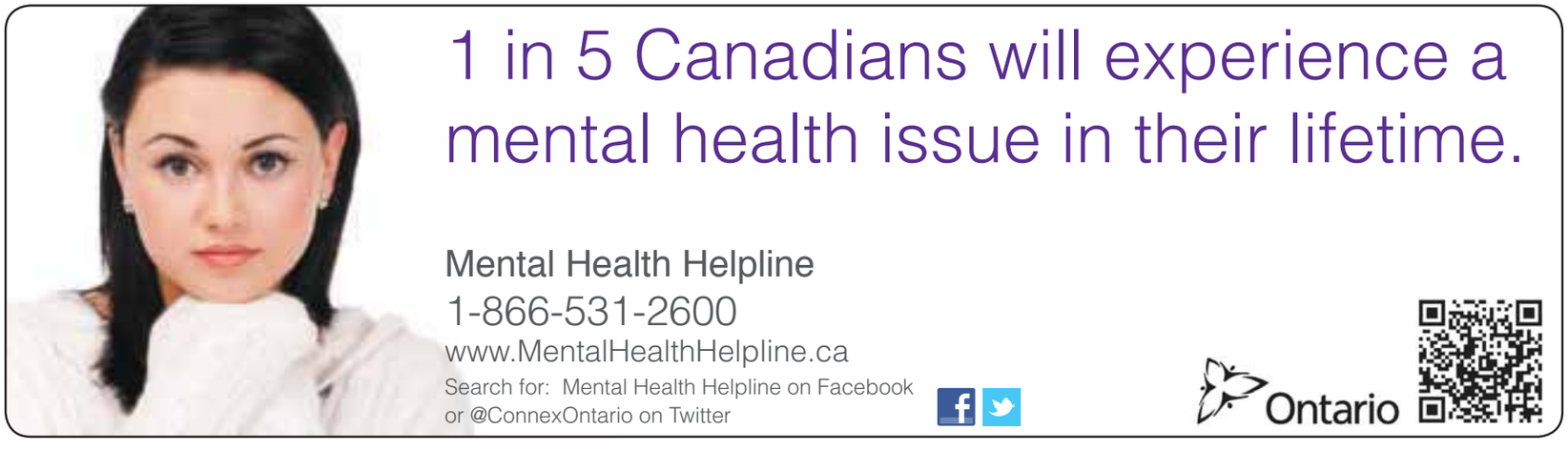
A year ago, Tom Cruise was riding a wave of good press with a comeback narrative in full swing. His franchise return Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol had reassured Hollywood that audiences still had an appetite for the star after something of a dry patch, eventually bringing in nearly $700 million worldwide at the box office. And on top of that, he had two high-profile and buzzed-about roles ahead for 2012 — the hair metal musical Rock of Ages and the tough-guy crime thriller Jack Reacher.

But then Rock of Ages was met with withering reviews and disappointing box office numbers, and Jack Reacher underperformed, with neither film opening at No. 1 at the box office. Now, with Cruise's Oblivion set to launch — following an ad campaign relying heavily on the star's bankability — Hollywood finds itself asking the same questions it did before the release of Ghost Protocol: Can Tom Cruise open a movie?

The last few years have suggested that the age of the movie star may be over, that audiences are no longer swayed merely by the presence of a big name on the poster. In fact, until recently it seemed the only two stars left who could be counted on to open a movie — regardless of its content — were Will Smith and Adam Sandler. Smith's Men in Black 3 was indeed a blockbuster last year, but it was his first starring role in four years. And the generally review-proof Sandler's last two live-action outings, Jack and Jill and That's My Boy, were complete bombs. (It should be noted that Hotel Transylvania, which featured Sandler's voice, was a hit.)

And so far, 2013 hasn't been very good to traditional movie stars, with major box office flops for Expendables stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Jason Statham. Bruce Willis' A Good Day to Die Hard fared a bit better, at least opening at No. 1, but in eight weeks of release it's still a long ways off from recouping its $92 million budget. Even Brad Pitt, who is hoping June's World War Z will do well enough to launch a franchise, took a bath on last November's Killing Them Softly, which he both starred in and produced.

So if Oblivion doesn't do well, does that mean the Tom Cruise brand is officially in trouble? Not likely. As Ghost Protocol proved, the star has an uncanny ability to bounce back from both critical failures and tabloid talk. And with the more recent Oblivion trailers making the film look more interesting and enticing, maybe Cruise's latest go at saving the world will also save his career. Again.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Drama

The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

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Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. **ANNE BRODIE**

Documentary

Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

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Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with Revolution. After championing the cause against shark finning in Sharkwater, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, Revolution is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summating his position. **IAN GORMELY**

Action

Manborg

Director. Steven Kostanski

Stars. Matthew Kennedy, Adam Brooks

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To love Steven Kostanski's Manborg is to first understand the manifesto of its creative team, the collective known as Astron-6. This is an attempt by the wiseacre Canadian whiz kids to produce the kind of grotty, campy, over-the-top genre romps that haunted video shelves in the '80s. And it all works. Telling the story of the evil bloodsucking Draculon and his adversary, a cyborg named Manborg in the cheap looking retro-future, Kostanski fills his frames with nickel-and-dime gore and bargain basement FX. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

On the lam with actor Robert Redford

The Company You Keep. Actor talks Weather Underground and gets philosophical about searching for the truth in journalism

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The Company You Keep, the ninth film Robert Redford has directed — and only the third he has starred in as well — concerns former members of the Weather Underground, the militant, and sometimes violent, anti-Vietnam War organization. A longtime Hollywood liberal, Redford has spoken of the film's political nature elsewhere. But today he discusses its other aspects.

"If you had to break it down in terms of which (theme) is more important, the one for my character is obvious: the love of his daughter," he explains.

When the Feds start rounding up ex-members responsible for a violent bank robbery, Redford's character, who's innocent of those charges, goes on the lam to clear his name.

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth, and then that evaporates? You grow out of that position and you're still stuck because of the trap you created for yourself when you were young. What is the cost of that? (The film is) not about that event that took place in 1970. That's the kick-off. It's about their lives right now."

When journalists talk to Redford, inevitably All the President's Men, the 1976 film about the revelation of Watergate, comes up.

"That was not about Watergate. That was not about President Nixon," he maintains. "It was about those two guys and the work that they did. I wanted to put a light on something I didn't think many people knew about, which is: how do journalists work? How do they get a story?"

The film's portrait of journalism doesn't quite mesh with today. "(Journalism has) changed so drastically, because of the democratization of information. Anyone can put something up. So now it's harder and harder to find what the truth is," he says, pointing out that there's less regulation of the press now.

"The rules that governed journalism when I was younger said you had to get two people to go on record before you could quote a source. That's gone. What took it away was the need to compete. You had to scoop. Sometimes you couldn't wait around to do the ethical thing. You had to jump to get ahead of the next guy. It makes Watergate look like a piece of history. It can't come back."

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10 years later, surprise stars will Give Up again

Interview. Jimmy Tamborello, formerly of Postal Service, will reunite with Ben Gibbard for an anniversary tour of their smash hit album

Postal Service band members Ben Gibbard, left and Jimmy Tamborello are back together for a reunion tour. BRIAN TAMBORELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A decade ago, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and electronic producer Jimmy Tamborello teamed as the Postal Service and ascended to unlikely heights with their lone album Give Up.

Give Up is being reissued with a deluxe 10th anniversary edition Tuesday, the same day the pair launches a reunion tour that will wind through Toronto's Air Canada Centre on June 11 and Vancouver's Rogers Arena on July 16.

The soft-spoken Tamborello, best-known for recording solo under the Dntel moniker, recently spoke about the initial collaboration, seeing its progression and why Give Up connected.

Originally, this partnership between you and Ben came about pretty organically, didn't it?
Yeah, definitely. There was never like a deadline or anything unfun about the process. It was all real relaxed. Getting to know somebody while making a poppy record.

What did you like about working with Ben?
The fact that we were doing it through the mail made it different than most collaborations, because we just weren't around each other.

And we didn't know each other super well when we started, so maybe in the beginning it was a little bit more reserved.

Like, I didn't want to say: "Oh, I don't like that." And I think he was the same way. (But) I think we liked what each other was doing.

How to connect

"I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us."
Jimmy Tamborello
On why Give Up was received so well

Did you suspect early on that it would be such a phenomenon? If not, when did you start to think that way?
No, I think both of us didn't really know how people would take it. It's totally surprising how many people got into it.

First thing, we did a tour in the U.S. right when the album came out, and in the beginning of the tour, the shows were pretty small. And as we travelled, the shows ahead of us kept getting moved to bigger venues and most of the shows were selling out.

Why do you think Give Up connected to the extent that it did?
I feel like I try to answer that one a lot and I never have a really good answer for it. I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us. The fact that it's such a small production makes the melancholy emotional part of it seem more real or genuine. But also, just kind of accidentally, the music came out poppier than I think we even meant it to. So I think that helped too. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New music. Quebec band over the moon with run

Quebec band Half Moon Run are Canada's latest buzz band. HANDOUT

Opening for popular British band Mumford & Sons on the band's current tour has been a heady experience for Montreal's Half Moon Run.

"It's extraordinary," says Dylan Phillips, who does triple duty as keyboardist, drummer and singer with the Montreal-based pop rockers. "We've played in the biggest halls of our lives."

Like when excited fans packed the Anvers Sportpaleis in Belgium.

"The Mumford fans were crazy, so they were there very early," Phillips recalled in a telephone interview from Germany. "At the end of our set, there were already 18,000 people there. It was a little scary but it went well."

In Amsterdam, Half Moon Run was invited on stage by the show's stars.

"They asked us to join them on stage to play The Weight. The other opening band was there too. Everyone had instruments. It was memorable."

Fans of the European scene, Half Moon Run's has a busy schedule.

Hailing from Ontario and British Columbia, the members of Half Moon Run met in Montreal when they were students.

About a year after the Canadian release of Dark Eyes, their first album, international interest began to grow.

Now it seems they barely have time to catch their breath.
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TV picks

Debut of two new reality shows — this week in TV

Vegas star Michael Chiklis directs Friday's episode, in which Savino's phone is tapped as Lamb, Jack and Katherine try to get evidence on how he works the skim. Meanwhile, Yvonne gets a chance to sing at a Hollywood party and Mia is shocked when her presumed-dead mother turns up at the Savoy. **(Global, CBS)**

Late-night movie offerings Friday include the Canadian gem Away From Her, starring a luminescent Julie Christie as a married elderly woman drawn to another man when Alzheimer's sets in. Gordon Pinsent plays her once-philandering husband, who becomes increasingly alarmed by her behaviour and the long shadow his own infidelity has cast on their relationship. Based on a story by Alice Munro. **(CBC)**

Comic actor Vince Vaughn — who will star in the upcoming remake of the Quebec film Starbuck — hosts Saturday Night Live, while buzz R&B singer Miguel is the musical guest. **(Global, NBC)**

The debuts of two new reality shows air Saturday. On Global there's Ready for Love, a Bachelor-type show with 12 women competing for the attention of rock star Tim Lopez. Haven't heard of Lopez? He's a member of the pop punk band Plain White T's. On ABC there's Bet on Your Baby, with parents placing wagers on how their kids will perform in a series of competitions. There's a $50,000 college fund up for grabs.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus is back in her Emmy-winning role of hilariously profane U.S. Vice-President Selina Meyer in the comedy series Veep. The show kicks off its 10-episode second season on Sunday with midterm elections on the horizon and Meyer scoring higher ratings than the president in several popularity polls. **(HBO Canada)**

On Sunday, rising comedy star Rebel Wilson hosts the MTV Movie Awards — that flashy bash with such prestigious categories as best shirtless performance, best WTF moment and best kiss. Wilson will also perform a musical matchup with her co-stars from the film Pitch Perfect, which is nominated for four awards. **(MTV Canada)**

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus in the comedy series Veep. HANDOUT

Come on! Top 5 recurring jokes on Arrested Development

TV. Fan sites dedicated to Arrested Development have catalogued dozens of beloved recurring jokes, so coming up with a short list isn't easy. But here are five of the most memorable jokes that have popped up repeatedly and may re-emerge for season four, on Netflix starting May 26.

"Come on!"

It's mostly Gob's catchphrase but several characters have enthusiastically barked out the famous one-liner throughout the series in a pique of frustration.

"I've made a huge mistake"

Another line that's repeatedly uttered by Gob but is borrowed by other characters. The recurring gag is made funnier when Gob says to Michael in an episode, "I've never admitted to a mistake."

Chicken taunts

It's a family tradition to taunt and mock a fellow Bluth by clucking and dancing like a chicken in their face. Nearly everyone in the family has been seen doing it, with their own personal style, although none do it very well. "Has anyone in this family even seen a chicken?" says Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, in one episode.

Never nude

Seasons one and two are littered with references to the affliction suffered by Tobias Funke, played by David Cross, who can't bring himself to be naked.

Next time/Previously Arrested Development

Some of the funniest quick laughs come during the "Previously on" and "Next time on" segments that bookend episodes — and are typically filled with non sequiturs that completely stray from the show's real storylines.

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Rihanna and Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's touring and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party — sort of

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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated — twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers, something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on E! News that Kristen Stewart decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightspot No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me started on Lil' Bow Wow.)

Anyway, according to E!, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson.

Jennifer Garner

Garner putting the pants back on

It's Jennifer Garner's turn to go to work, which means husband Ben Affleck will be staying home with the kids, the Argo director reveals, according to Us Weekly.

"She's got a couple of movies coming up. There's going to be a little Mr. Mom action and I'm going to get back in the ring," Affleck says.

"She told me to go to the gym. I'm preparing myself. I'm going to take on some more of the burden."

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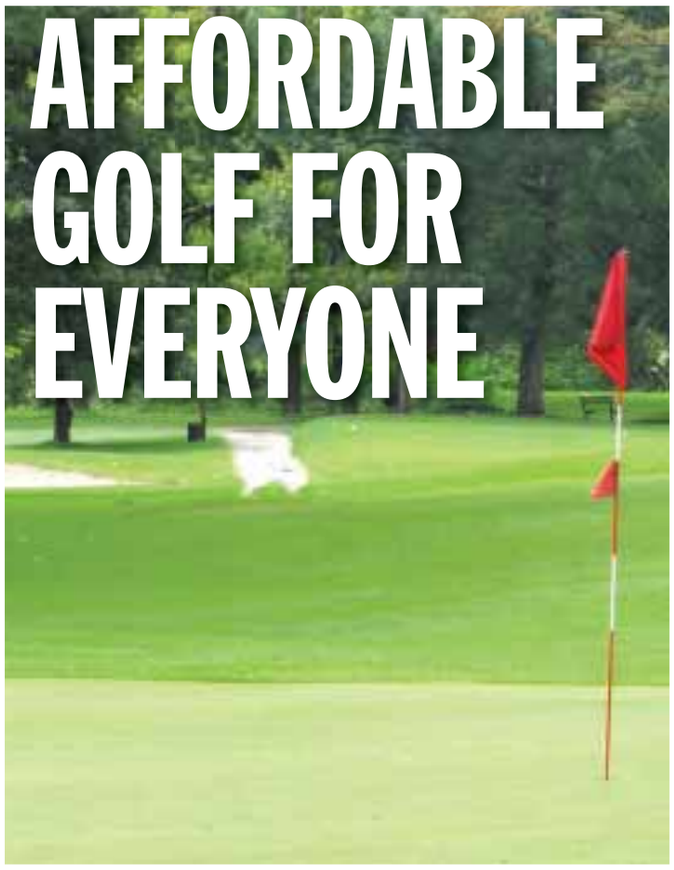

The City of London's three municipal golf courses may be one of the few government programs where self-sustainability is, well, par for the course.

"Golf pays for golf. We don't take you tax dollars and put it into golf; we run it like a business and we are competitive with other courses," explained Steve Bennett, golf pro and manager of the City of London's golf system. "We've come up with a good business plan that understands our market and customers. We've built a system that provides you with accessible, affordable golf for the people of London."

The City operates Fanshawe, Thames Valley, and River Road. "The unusual thing may be the number of holes that we have -- we offer 90 holes of golf," Bennett explained.

Included in that is the Parkside 9 at Fanshawe -- a fully accessible course.

"It is unique to the city and is the first ever accessible course in Canada," Bennett said. "It's handicap and wheelchair accessible for people to play and we operate it at no charge to the customer.

"What a great way for dad and son to get together and enjoy some time together."

While participation in golf has declined in North America, partly due to time constraints and a slow economy, Bennett said he felt there was tremendous opportunity for the City's municipal courses.

"At the time I started in 2010, I thought that the London golf system was undernourished," he said. "We were not at the numbers I think we should have been at, even in a declining market. But you can't charge $5 for a cup of coffee if it's worth $2. We created and based membership prices on the needs of our members.

"Are we going to get back to where we were 15 to 20 years ago? No. But we can make it sustainable."

For the most part, the golfers on the public courses are 55 and older. There are those who fall between 35 and 55 -- and a younger demographic is one that Bennett feels must be targetted.

"It's an area we're working on growing," he explained. "We're trying to rebuild junior golf, but it's a challenge in this technological age – kids don't get out. Our junior program, though, is up to 250 kids in the system. It's a grassroots effort introducing kids to the game."

For those wondering if they'll be challenged on a public course, Bennett invites Londoners to come out and try.

"We have golf for every caliber of golfer," he said. "We welcome the beginners, but if a zero-handicapper played Thames Valley, they'd find it challenging."

- Jason Menard

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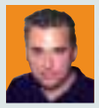
The wrap on Pinot grigio



LIQUID ASSETS
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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezzacorona's 2012 Pinot Grigio ($11.95 to $15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine.

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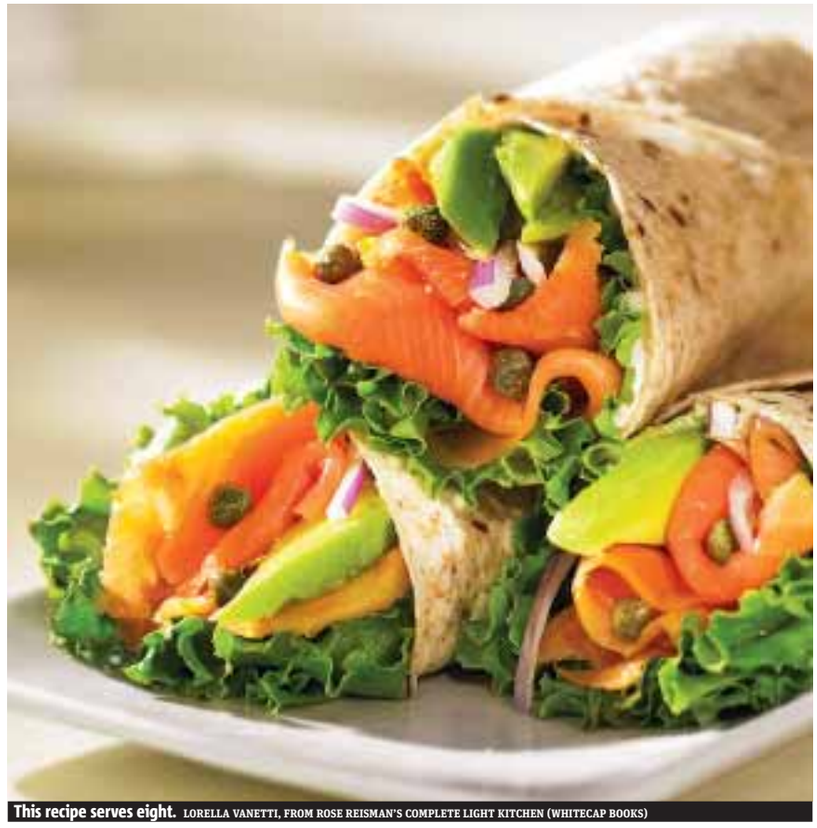
My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.



This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce overtop.

3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

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One-man-band jam

Solo artists come a dime a dozen these days, but not many can play all the instruments of the backing band at once. That's what Jean-Paul De Roover does, using live looping pedals to build his songs piece by piece on stage. De Roover, a Thunder Bay native, will bring his unique post-pop sound—influenced by his upbringing in Africa, Asia and South America — to The APK (347 Clarence St.) Friday, along with Thousand Young, The KGB Band and Foam. The show is 19-plus. Admission is $5.

All they wanna do is dance

The Grand Theatre's latest production is opening Tuesday, and it's sure to be a toe-tapping good time. Dance Legends is a tribute to the greatest dancers of the 20th century. The cast of 18 dancers and actors will cover everything from Fred Astaire to Gene Kelly to Michael Jackson in a show that is sure to please. The first three performances are sold out, so get your tickets now if you want to go. Tickets start at $25.95 at grandtheatre.com. The show runs until May 18.

A Fairly Odd Folk singer

Lauren Mann decided to hit the road in 2010. She left Calgary on a cross-Canada tour for her album, Stories From Home, visiting every province along the way. With her band, The Fairly Odd Folk, Mann's played more than 400 shows across North America, and the tour's making more stops on the way back home. The band's latest album, Over Land and Sea, hits stores Tuesday, and they'll be coming to Aeolian Hall (795 Dundas St.) on June 9. Get tickets ($15 in advance) at aeolianhall.ca.

Punk poetry for Nite Owls

If heavy lyrical narratives and rousing stories are your thing, stop by the Nite Owl (353 Talbot St.) Friday to catch Rob Moir's set. The Toronto artist was the frontman for Dead Letter Department before going solo in 2010. He has been described as a "punk poet," and is known for his clever lyrics and humour. His second solo album, Places To Die, will be out later this month. The 19-plus show starts at 9 p.m. There's no cover.

Shock, Stock and barrel

London horror fans will get their fix this weekend. Starting Friday afternoon and continuing through Sunday, the Shock Stock convention will bring horror fans together in a celebration of monsters and mayhem. Stars from movies like The Rocky Horror Picture Show and Night of the Living Dead will be on hand along with a vendor room full of memorabilia and a VHS tape swap. The convention is at Centennial Hall (550 Wellington St.) Tickets are $20 per day or $40 for the weekend at shock-stock.com.

Fro-yo for yoga

Chil (620 Richmond St.) Canada's first certified organic Greek frozen yogurt bar, will have a fundraiser Wednesday for the Olive Tree Yoga Foundation. For every cup of fro-yo sold over $5, Chil will donate $1 to the foundation, which helps bring yoga classes and instructors to communities in the Middle East. There will also be entertainment and, of course, yoga happening from 7 p.m. to midnight. It's a chance to try a tasty, healthy snack and do some good in the process.

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Josh Johnson walks back to the mound after giving up an RBI triple to Detroit Tiger Miguel Cabrera in Detroit on Thursday.
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Tigers jump all over Jays starter Johnson

MLB. New Toronto pitcher surrenders six runs in the shortest start of his career

Josh Johnson put his team in another tough spot with one of the worst outings of his career.

The Toronto right-hander was knocked out of the game in the second inning Thursday — the latest poor start by a Blue Jays pitcher — and the Detroit Tigers rolled to an 11-1 win at chilly Comerica Park.

On Thursday

Tigers	Blue Jays
11	1

Miguel Cabrera tripled, scored twice and even stole a base for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (2-0) allowed a run and eight hits in eight innings.

Johnson (0-1) allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings — the shortest start of his career.

"I haven't thrown a slider for a strike yet, and I need that pitch. When I'm throwing it for strikes, it is something that the hitters have to think about, but this is two starts now, and it hasn't happened," Johnson said. "I didn't have anything today. They were all over my curveball for some reason, and the fastball was just hanging over the plate."

Prince Fielder had four RBIs and Torii Hunter added three for the Tigers.

The temperature at game time was 2 C, the coldest for a Detroit home game since 1996, according to STATS.

"It certainly was uncomfortable pitching out there today, but look what the other guy did," Johnson said.

The Blue Jays have not lived up to early expectations because of poor pitching. Their starters are now 1-4 with a 7.59 ERA.

Toronto, a chic pick to win the AL East after acquiring Johnson, Jose Reyes and R.A. Dickey in the off-season, has lost three straight series to start the year for the first time since 1978. The Blue Jays lost four straight series to start that season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's Sports HOF

Sakic leads new class of inductees

Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic headlines this year's list of inductees into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sakic, who had 1,641 career regular-season points over 20 seasons in the NHL, won league championships with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and 2001. He also won titles at the Winter Olympics, world hockey championship, World Cup of Hockey, world junior championships and Memorial Cup.

Others named in the athlete category on Thursday include cyclist Alison Sydor, curler Russ Howard and Paralympian Andre Viger. THE CANADIAN PRESS

You Can Play

NHL, NHLPA partner to combat homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

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Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Garcia enjoys lead at Masters 'while it lasts'

Golf. Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening with 66

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go.... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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"Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully, I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

Sergio Garcia

Guan Tianlang

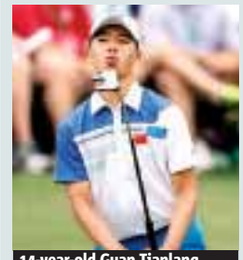
Anything but green at 14

Fourteen-year-old Guan Tianlang is the youngest golfer ever to compete at the Masters.

But he looked more like a veteran Thursday when he shot a 1-over 73 in his debut at Augusta National.

Guan made a 15-footer from off the green to birdie his final hole, getting a standing ovation.

If he plays this way Friday, the eighth-grader from China could set another record as the youngest player to make the cut at the Masters.



14-year-old Guan Tianlang
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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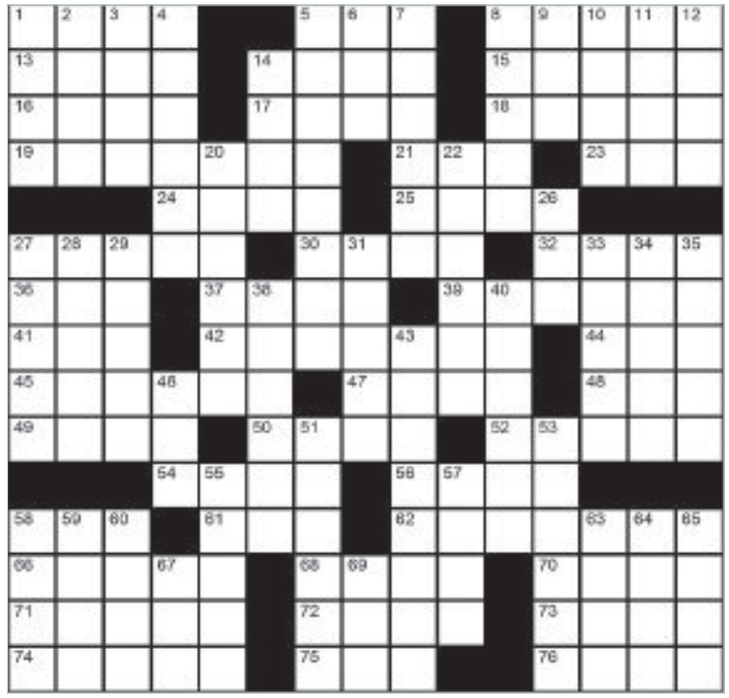
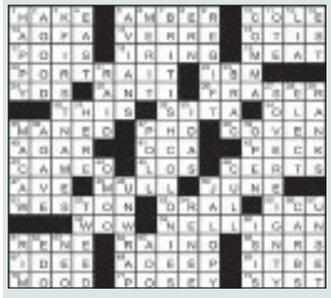


Across
1. Crack
5. Actor Matthew
8. The Apprenticeship of __ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
13. Commotion
14. "Dig a __" by The Beatles
15. Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
16. __-doers
17. __ Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
18. Type of vision correction surgery
19. French artist, Henri __ (b.1869 - d.1954)
21. "__ la la!"
23. Mini-albums, for short
24. Hershey's product, for short
25. Jaunt
27. Lion __ (Circus performer)
30. Each: 2 wds.
32. Authentic
36. Tip to 'maniac'
37. Bear in Space
39. Up more
41. Jeff Lynne's gr.
42. Gary __ (NHL Commissioner)
44. 'Emp' ending
45. 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother __
47. Pros and whats?
48. Li'l digits
49. Shoe part
50. Comedian/actor Jay
52. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. In __ of (Replacing)
56. Chop the veggies
58. Greece neighbor [abbr.]
61. Museum stuff
62. Competitor
66. Kingdom
68. Be without
70. Close by
71. Barbecue item, Shish __ [var. sp.]
72. Unfortunately
73. River in Normandy
74. Timetables, slangly-spelled
75. Nintendo game console
76. We, in Westmount

Down
1. Bloom's balancer
2. __ Scotia
3. Mine passage
4. OPP part
5. Weather outlook
6. "Snakes __ Plane" (2006): 2 wds.
7. Coldplay album: 'Mylo __'
8. Capital of India, New __
9. 'Spat' suffix (Pancakes flipper)
10. Doctor's amount
11. Mr. Boring
12. Shaggy creatures of Tibet
14. Ballroom dance, with Doble
20. Garden items
22. Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Maslany, "__ Black"
26. Clothesline clasp
27. Zipper bits
28. With much merriment
29. Singer/actress Mandy
31. Quilt's one-of-some
33. Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
34. Wading†bird
35. Hair lock
38. Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
40. Bug
43. Author Richler
46. Kay's follower
51. Wanted Poster person
53. City in British Columbia
55. Poetic feet
57. Signs a contract, colloquially
58. Bible-style boats
59. Soup vegetable
60. Pig in the movies
63. Nestle treat
64. Mork's greeting, when doubled
65. Uno + dos = ?
67. Fellow
69. Actress Ms. Larter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1		5		3		4	
3			8		4			7
	4			9			6	
		4				8		
2	5						9	1
		6				5		
	2			1			8	
4			9		2			3
	3		6		7		1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8	1
1	9	4	5	7	8	6	3	2
6	8	3	1	2	9	7	4	5
7	1	5	2	8	4	3	9	6
2	6	8	3	9	5	4	1	7
3	4	9	6	1	7	5	2	8
4	7	2	8	3	6	1	5	9
9	3	1	7	5	2	8	6	4
8	5	6	9	4	1	2	7	3

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